## Opening of the New Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital

Restoring in-patient hospital services at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Hospital is a top priority of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. At the Board's direction, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) was authorized to enter into discussions with the University of California (UC) on the key elements which would lead to the establishment of an agreement to open the hospital in a manner that would ensure delivery of quality patient care.

On August 12, 2008, the CEO reported to the Board on the status of discussions with UC, outlined the elements of a proposed agreement, including services, financing and terms of the proposal. On November 19, 2009, the UC Board of Regents approved a proposal whereby the UC would partner with the County of Los Angeles in establishing the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital along the lines authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

The proposal requires several key implementation steps necessary to establish the new hospital under an independent governing board and to secure the legislative,

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regulatory, and other programmatic support needed to execute, fund and implement this effort. The CEO has provided several updates to this Board including the most recent report dated November 25, 2009 which contains a Summary of Important Terms of a

Coordination Agreement with the University of California.

## I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- Approve the terms contained in the Summary of Important Terms of a Coordination Agreement with the UC for opening of the new MLK Hospital, under a private, non-profit entity.
- 2. Delegate authority to the CEO to negotiate and execute a Coordination Agreement with the UC incorporating the Important Terms so approved and adding such other terms and conditions as are necessary to implement the Important Terms or as are reasonable, and not financial.
- 3. Authorize the CEO to establish a project management team to oversee all implementation aspects of the project and return to this Board in 30 days with a cost proposal. Major tasks to be undertaken by the team include the following:
  - a. Development of key initial agreement, County and UC Coordination
    Agreement;
  - b. Oversight and coordination of the capital program (OHSPD requirements and deadlines);

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- c. Formation of the non-profit and assisting with its start-up;
- d. Assisting non-profit staff with facility-program development (staff start-up, licensing and surveys, etc.);
- e. Development of the framework for operational agreements, such as lease and indigent care agreements between the County and the non-profit; and
- f. Provide reports to the Board on key project milestones and anticipated costs (such as equipment, etc.), as appropriate, but no less than quarterly.

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